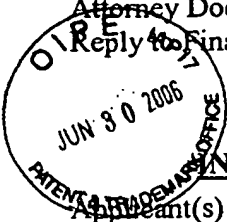


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006 (the three-month
response date for which is June 30, 2006), reconsideration of the above-referenced
application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are found in the listing of claims, which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.